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***GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES \$2.5 MILL. FOR METH ABUSE TREATMENT
Grant Awards to Provide Treatment in Rural and Tribal Communities***

PHOENIX - Governor Janet Napolitano announced today more than \$2.5 million in grants to provide treatment for methamphetamine and other drug abuse. Treatment, prevention, education and law enforcement are integral parts of the Governor's comprehensive approach to reduce supply and demand of meth in Arizona.

"Treating meth abuse is a key part of an aggressive strategy to eradicate this devastating drug from our neighborhoods," said Governor Napolitano. "Increasing access to treatment is a critical component of our anti-meth plan. The time to provide help is now."

The Arizona Department of Health Services' Division of Behavioral Health recently made the awards for treatment centers specializing in meth abuse. The awards are available to Arizona's rural and tribal communities, specifically targeting areas of the state with high rates of need for substance abuse treatment and few local providers to deliver services.

The funds were awarded through the state's Regional Behavioral Health Authorities:

- **Holbrook and Winslow:** \$811,000 to the Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority to partner with the Navajo Nation, cities of Winslow and Holbrook and Bread of Life Mission. The money will fund construction of a 16-bed detox facility and 12 "step-down" beds for men and women. In addition, the funds will support a 12-bed sober living program and outpatient substance abuse treatment.
- **Payson:** \$666,780 to Cenpatco Behavioral Health of Arizona for the Community Bridges Detox Program, in partnership with Mayor Bob Edwards, the Payson Police Department, Rim Guidance Center and other community churches and organizations. This grant funds a treatment center complex of four buildings, including outpatient detox services, aftercare and recovery support. Community Bridges and numerous community in-kind donations will provide a \$178,220 cash match.
- **Globe:** \$520,500 to Cenpatco Behavioral Health of Arizona for the Community Bridges Detox Program. This project is a partnership of the Cobre Valley Community Hospital and the residents of Globe-Miami to construct a 2,500 square foot detox and fellowship service program on the hospital grounds.

- **Yuma:** \$405,900 to Cenpatco Behavioral Health of Arizona for the Crossroads Mission. Crossroads provided an additional \$250,000 cash match to construct and furnish a 16-bed facility for men and women.
- **Gila River Indian Community/Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authority:** \$86,560 in one-time support for a passenger van and furnishings for the new Gila River Indian Community Healing House (Thwajik Ke) detox and adult residential treatment center. The grant also provides \$105,888 for one-time support for the expansion of the current Gila meth outpatient program in Sacaton.

Enclosed are five sound bites of the Governor discussing the grants.

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Cut 1: 07-03-12 Meth 1

Governor Napolitano explains the purpose of these addiction reduction grants.

:9 seconds – “The addiction reduction...” “or non-existent.”

Cut 2: 07-03-12 Meth 2

Governor Napolitano discusses the effects of meth, and the effects of these grants.

:12 seconds – “Meth abuse causes...” “... address methamphetamine use.”

Cut 3: 07-03-12 Meth 3

Governor Napolitano explains why the grants are only available to certain geographic locations in Arizona.

:21 seconds – “These funds target...” “... or treatment programs.”

Cut 4: 07-03-12 Meth 4

Governor Napolitano details the geographic criteria for receiving the grants.

:8 seconds – “One of the criteria...” “... on a regular basis.”

Cut 5: 07-03-12 Meth 5

Governor Napolitano discusses the bill that allows for the awarding of the grants.

:10 seconds – “House Bill 2554...” “... including methamphetamine treatment.”